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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20050516), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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